



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/919,045  
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Applicant: Ramesh NAGARAJAN et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2616  
Examiner: Steven Blount  
Title: MINIMUM CONTENTION, DISTRIBUTED WAVELENGTH  
ASSIGNMENT IN OPTICAL TRANSPORT NETWORKS  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated March 27, 2006 ("Office Action") and respond as follows.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

|             | Claims remaining<br>after Amendment |   | Highest number<br>previously paid for |   | Present extra |
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